

4. (Original) The computing environment of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of file servers that implement load balancing to distribute traffic among the file servers.
5. (Original) The computing environment of claim 1 wherein the file server implements a heartbeat that determines whether the file server has failed.
6. (Original) The computing environment of claim 1 wherein the file system implements a file protocol selected from the group consisting of Network File System ("NFS"), Andrew File System ("AFS"), and a combination of NFS and AFS.
7. (Currently amended) A computing environment comprising:
a plurality of file servers;
a file system that is adapted to store client applications and data and that is adapted to be accessible to the file servers; and
a minimally-configured-workstation adapted to couple to the file servers and to a client computer, the workstation comprises a storage medium on which control files are permanently stored, but client applications are not permanently stored;
wherein the ~~minimally-configured-workstation~~ ^{ARE} is adapted to ~~store~~ ^{INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE CLIENT APPLICATION FOR RE-CONFIGURING A CLIENT AS A SERVER} client applications ~~to be~~ ^{CONFIGURED SUCH THAT} temporarily-transferred to the minimally-enfiqured-workstation from the file system via at least one of the file servers when requested by the client computer so that the workstation is re-configured as a server; and
wherein the client computer is adapted to utilize the at least some software temporarily-transferred to the minimally-enfiqured-workstation.
8. (Original) The computing environment of claim 7 wherein the data that is transferred to the workstation is used by a client application running on the